

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, For the past one hundred years, the Gant family has been committed to raising and selling Polled Hereford cattle; and,

Whereas, Four generations have been involved in the operation including Patrick Gant, LV Gant, Pat Gant, and now brothers Mark and Dennis Gant of Geddes, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The purchase of two purebred Polled Hereford bulls in 1914 inspired LV into raise calves that were naturally hornless. LV and his brother, Steve, purchased a registered Polled Hereford female for \$500 and sold the heifer's 10-month-old bull calf for \$200. LV and Steve began to see there was more to the purebred business than they realized, and this was the start of the Gant Brothers; and,

Whereas, In 1936, a move to South Dakota was made, and the name of the firm became LV Gant and Sons when Pat and his brother, Ray, became partners. The Gant family continued to hold bull and heifer sales in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, LV and Ray moved to Nebraska, and Pat stayed in South Dakota where the bull sales continued. Pat started Gant Polled Herefords, Inc. in the late 1970's with his two sons, Mark and Dennis, who now own the operation; and,

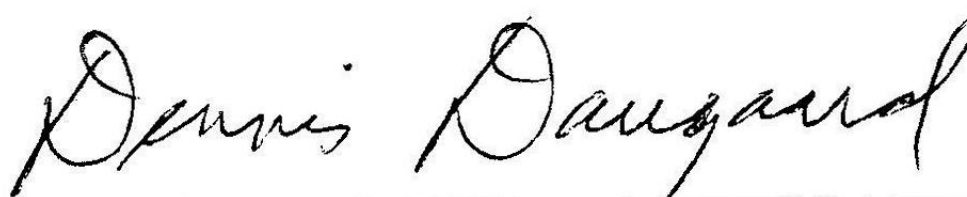
Whereas, Brothers, Mark and Dennis, farm and plant dry land and irrigated corn, wheat, and soybeans. Currently they farm and raise Hereford cattle, selling approximately 60 Hereford and Angus bulls at their annual bull sale the last Friday in February each year and will celebrate 100 years in business:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2014, as

GANT POLLED HEREFORDS, INC. CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State

